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The Editor's Greeting At Christmas Season Extended To Readers

The Yuletide this season brings mingled feelings to many. With the war on and many favorite sons and relatives at the front, with problems and difficulties at home, our minds are much concerned, yet we complain not and are thankful for the many mercies received. Our people will measure up to the full, and mindful of the birth of the Christ, will render their homage and pray for the brightness of future days. The editor extends his greeting to all readers and voices the thought of the Christian Science Monitor in the following expression:

"The Greeting, 'Merry Christmas!' has a joyful sound that sets music ringing in the heart and awakens glad memories. But in the huge commercial displays and the rush of shopping that so often accompany the Christmas season we may lose sight of the real significance of the day and simply regard it as we do any other holiday. A holiday is really a holy day, and Christmas Day is indeed a day of holiness, when only thoughts of highest worth should abide with us."

Christmas Party For All At No. 3

The Community club of school district No. 3 have arranged a Christmas party at the school house next Monday evening Dec. 20 at 7:30 o'clock and a cordial invitation to all is extended. There will be gifts for all the children and those who can add to the entertainment in reciting a selection or playing some instrument should get in touch with Mrs. Oler Doolittle, who has charge of the program.

High School Items

Supt. and Mrs. Robert Taylor entertained the teachers club at Center school for the December meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Currier entertained the November meeting.

The Jeep campaign was brought to a successful close on December 7th. There has been a steady increase in sales during the year and the gain is 202 per cent over the same period last season. The high school will close for the Christmas vacation next Wednesday and re-open Monday, January 3.

The school paper will be issued next week under the direction of Miss Austin.

The school has been organized into two teams for the purpose of soliciting magazine subscriptions. The captains are Lorraine Gingras and Neil Churchill and Warren Hutchinson is the business manager. The profit secured will revert to the Junior class. The high school pupils with those of Center school will conduct a scrap metal drive during the Christmas vacation. The town has been divided into areas and a representative assigned to an area to conduct a search for the material wanted. Later Mr. Currier and Mr. Leonard with a number of boys from each school will make the collections and the money from the junk sold will go to the sound movie projector which the school needs.

It's A Holiday Dance Wednesday Eve, Dec. 22

There is to be a Holiday Dance at the Town Hall on Wednesday evening, December 22 from 8 to 12 o'clock, to be sponsored by the young people of the town. The music to be provided is by the Rhythm Makers and the public are cordially invited to attend and sustain the efforts. Committees have already been named in charge of the program and a pleasant evening is assured.

Parish Supper Social

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 22 the parish of the Unitarian church will have a covered dish supper served at seven o'clock and followed by a Christmas tree, with Santa Claus, games and recitations. It will be a church family gathering and all are invited.

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A Timely Sermon Christ Son Of God

"God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself." II Cor. 5:19.

To the casual observer, Jesus Christ on the cross was a disappointed dreamer. The crucifixion seemed to prove how mistaken He was. "If God had been there, He would not have let them do it," remarks a character in a well-known novel. It was evident that God wasn't there.

Yet Christians maintain the direct opposite. God, they say, was present there as nowhere else in history. The cross is not a sign of defeat, but a sign of God's presence and of victory.

This is an unreasonable idea. That God was present in the world's greatest tragedy, that He was there offering Himself to men, suffering for their salvation, does not admit of geometrical proof. To people today, as in the time of St. Paul, this seems a stumbling block —utter foolishness. Yet, to the Christian, however impossible an idea it may be, this is a fact of his own experience. Man's foolishness is the wisdom and power of God.

Jesus is more than a wise teacher, a hero, or a spiritual genius. He was a figure with unequalled power over men and their lives when He was here. His influence as a leader is just as real today. He is the Mediator who brings God and man together, the Saviour who changes men's lives, the Victor who met the worst that man could be with the best that man could be and emerged triumphant. In Him men find the answer to their deepest needs, the need for forgiveness and the need for new life. In Him something greater than man was at work. God was there.

How God came to man in Christ can never be completely explained. Nonetheless, that God came to man in Christ cannot be denied. Just as He cannot fully understand how God was in Jesus. He only knows that there God is made real to him and that there he finds heavenly bread of forgiveness and abundant, everlasting life. "Here in this human life," says Principal Whale, "we meet the living God."

Vacation From Hermon

Among the Mount Hermon school students now at home for the Christmas vacation, which will continue until January 3, are John R. Addison, Cleland Cochrane, Jr., William R. Compton, John William Greenwood, David George Quinn Hesser K. Ruhl, Goddard W. Winterbottom and Theodore Wright of Northfield; Edwin W. Finch, Paul Dudley Peck, William Jay Peck, John A. Rikert, Russell D. Roberts, Ross L. Spencer, Jr., and Alden Stevenson of East Northfield.

Edward L. Downes of Northfield Farms; Donald Emory Ayer, Buell L. Bassette, Patton Lockwood and Edwin E. Sargent of Mount Hermon; Allie Skib and Harold S. Zalusky of South Vernon; and Wilton-Elwood Bouvier, Raymond Milowski and William H. Shores of Bernardston.

Donald Ayer, John Greenwood, Patton Lockwood, Paul D. Peck, William Jay Peck, Hesser K. Ruhl, Alden Stevenson, Goddard Winterbottom and Theodore Wright are listed on the Mount Hermon Honor Roll for the second marking period.

Republican Convention Delegates To Be Sent

Next year (1944) will witness the holding of two important Republican Conventions, one of the national convention for the nomination for the Presidency and the other, state convention for the nomination of State officials.

There will be thirty delegates from Massachusetts to the national convention, of which there will be seven at large with seven alternates and 28 district delegates with alternates. This means that each congressional district will have two delegates. The state convention call for delegates according to the vote cast for Governor at the 1942 election, one delegate for the first 150 votes cast and another delegate for each succeeding 300 votes, or fraction thereof. Under this arrangement the town of Northfield will name two delegates with two alternates. The matter of appointment will be considered by the Northfield Republican Town committee at its next session, at which time candidates for town offices will also receive attention.

"When Jesus Was Born In Bethlehem"

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

2 (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

7 And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known to us.

16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

17 And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

18 And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

19 But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Luke 2:1-20

Return Of Ration Books

Regulations are that the ration books of all persons entering the service should be turned in to the board within ten days. This also applies to all deceased persons. A service man home on furlough for three days or more, may procure points for meats, processed foods, and sugar, by applying at the board and showing his leave papers. An application may also be made for a certain amount of gasoline.

This regulation is once more brought to the attention of the public, since some persons are known to be holding on to the books of members of the family who have entered the service thinking they would need them when the boys come home. As has been stated, provision has been made for such occurrences, and the OPA makes it a legal offense for not turning in such books to the local board within the due date.

Robert Hopkins Writes

Robert Hopkins, who formerly resided here with his mother, Mrs. Ethel Hopkins and entered the service, writes a friend from Italy, where he is working with the British under Donald McDonald, who turned out "Desert Victory." For the first since I left, the end seems in sight, he says. However you must not feel over confident back there. We have a long way to go.

Some time I run into a Northfield boy and recently Gilbert Potts, in the hospital. Nothing serious and is probably about now. I often think of Northfield and my friends there, and get a twinge of homesickness. I'll be back when the war is over and we'll have a big reunion. Regards to all.

Horse sense is that quality of mind which keeps horses from betting on people.

Our Men In Service

First Sgt. John E. Phelps recently spent a furlough at his home here. He is now at Camp Campbell, Ky.

Pvt. Leon Mankowski was at his home here recently for a short stay. He is training at Camp Eliz. ill. Ill.

According to advice received Pvt. John C. Richardson, of the army, was killed in action in Sicily on November 13. Richardson's parents reside in Boston, but he spent considerable time here before enlistment with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Richardson before their removal to Greenfield.

The Northfield Press has been received by many in the service and the editor acknowledges the Christmas greetings received from them recently.

Walter Wozniak, who is in the army, has been transferred to Shreveport, La., for further training.

Andrew Stacey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Stacey, in the air corps of the army, is now a staff sergeant and is at Rattleback Field at Piote, Texas receiving training as a bomber.

Robert Randall, 1c motor machine mate, is now located at St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands. Warren Randall in the Navy, is now in southern waters.

Schools On Vacation

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Ration Timetable

Meat, Butter, etc. Brown stamps L, M, N and P in Book Three good until Jan. 1. Stamp Q becomes valid Dec. 19.

Canned or Processed Foods. Green stamps A, B and C in Book Four good through Dec. 20. Stamps D, E and F good from Dec. 1 through Jan. 20.

Sugar. Black stamp No. 29, marked "sugar", in back of Book Four good for five pounds through January 15.

Shoes. Stamp 18 in Book One good indefinitely for one pair of shoes. Airplane stamp No. 1 in Book Three also good indefinitely for one pair.

Fuel Oil. Period One coupons valid to Jan. 4. Period Two coupons valid Nov. 30 to Feb. 8. Class Four coupons worth 10 gallons. Class five coupons worth 50 gallons.

Gasoline. Number 8 stamps in basic A book good for three gallons through Feb. 8. B and C coupons good for two gallons. Only the new coupons marked B and C-2 are good for five gallons.

Tire Inspection. Inspection deadlines for A cars Mar. 31, for B and C cars Feb. 29.

High Honor Roll

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The following names have appeared on the Honor Roll at the High school this week and means that the marks were excellent: Karlene Tyler, Betty Phelps, Ruth Jones, Nellie Brassor, Norma Leach, Paul Gorzocski, Anna Lernatowitz, Helen Andrew, Kenneth Walker, Lois Stearns, Alvin Jones, Arlene Williams, Beatrice Jurkowski and Gabrielli Carvalho.

Prepare Your Heart By Rev. Arthur Heeb

Speaking on the theme, "Prepare your heart for Christmas," Mr. Heeb, at the Unitarian church said: In this third year of war, it is a challenge to your heart to keep Christmas well. He drew his illustrations from three sources: The Bible, "Keep your heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life." Be whole-hearted in your faith and hope and joy.

Second: "The Light in the cottage window" is your most blessed light. As you go up or down the streets of Northfield try to see the tenderness and the concern for the best and the ideal that is both intangible and real behind every curtain.

Third: "The Christmas past haunts us. Cure your sense of loss, of loneliness by exercise. Here is a recipe by Mrs. Bro. It is like baking a cake. First, do some difficult thing, read to some blind person, visit some sick person and do it quietly. Use the intangible thing, time carefully as you do your money. Be busy but not busy. Then meditate at least one hour in the 24 In the fagged end of the day, rest with God and recall: "How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given. So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His Heaven."

Know Massachusetts

DO YOU KNOW THAT . . . Between June 1, 1941 and October 31, 1943, Massachusetts individuals and institutions bought \$56,260,000 of the Series E war savings bonds, \$361,152,000 of Series F and G bonds and \$47,999,000 war savings stamps, a total of \$965,411,000 which was 4 per cent of the total sales of the same issues in the whole United States and possessions. . .

Postal regulations now require all first and third class mail to be stamped before it is placed in the rural boxes for collection. However all rural carriers will carry a supply of postage stamps which can be purchased from them.

Our readers will find an interesting advertisement in this issue of the New England Homestead, a rural magazine of country life which offers a subscription at a low price.

A line from Edward L. Morse of this town, who with his wife and sister are spending the winter in Sarasota, Florida, states that they are enjoying the fine weather and recently greeted Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Farnum of West Northfield and her daughter, Miss Dorothy Wilder, who will also vacation in the south. All enjoy the warm sunshine.

Not for some years have so many homes been vacant in this town for the winter months. It is evident that many cannot meet the problems of caring for property with coal scarce and other responsibilities facing them, that they have decided to enjoy the comforts of hotels and the places in the sunny southlands.

The usual "good business" is expected at the Northfield Hotel during the holiday season with many reservations for the Christmas and New Year's dinner. While the weather is cold enough, about six inches of snow would add to the pleasures of the winter sports.

It is said that the "movies" given at the Town Hall on Friday evenings must be given a greater encouragement by our people if they are to be continued. The final showing this year will be this Friday evening and a new schedule will be announced for January.

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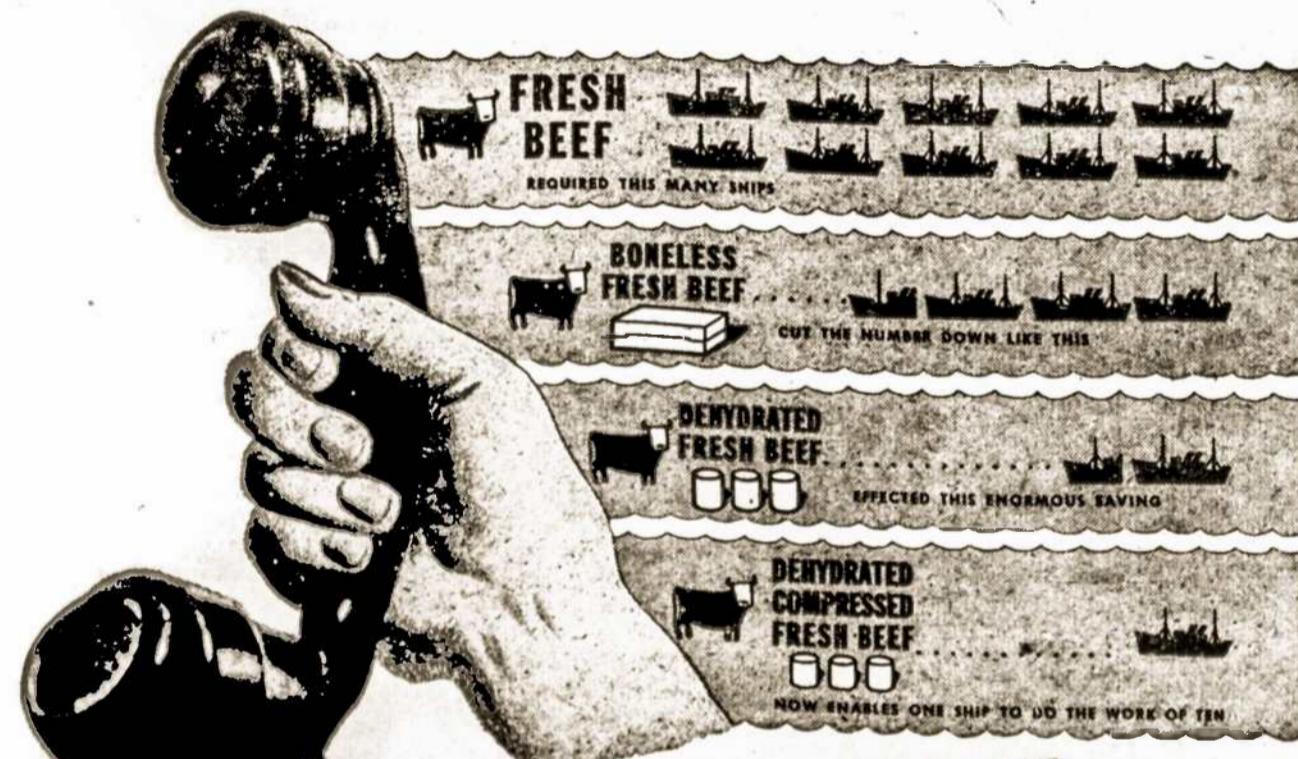
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CHRISTMAS DAY - A DINING DAY



By BETTY BARCLAY

Christmas calls for fest with all the fixin's — war or no war. Fortunately, we are still able to live up to this, while millions of unfortunate Europeans are forced to get along on little or no Christmas cheer.

Here are some Christmas recipes that won't dig too deeply into your ration book but will add to this year's Christmas menus:

Morning Sunshine
Juice of 2 lemons
2 tablespoons honey
2 cups orange juice
1 egg white

Shake all ingredients, in order given, in a shaker for 2 minutes. Serve chilled. The kiddies will adore it for a breakfast treat.

Lunch-box Nut Bread
2 cups sifted flour
4 teaspoons double-acting baking
powder
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup sugar
1 egg, well beaten
1 cup milk
3 tablespoons melted butter or
other shortening

1 1/4 cups Grape-Nuts Flakes
1/4 cup broken walnut meats

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder, salt, and sugar, and sift again. Combine eggs, milk, and shortening; add to flour mixture, stirring gently enough to dampen all flour. Add Flakes and nuts and blend. Bake in greased loaf pan, 7 x 3 x 2 1/2 inches, in moderate oven (350° F.) 1 hour and 10 minutes, or until done.

Christmas Punch
1 cup evaporated milk
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
Cinnamon
4 cups freshly made, hot
decaffeinated coffee

Chill evaporated milk thoroughly, then whip rapidly until stiff. Add vanilla. Place in serving cups, fill

ing half full. Sprinkle with cinnamon. Fill cups with decaffeinated coffee. Makes 8 servings. For refreshments after carol singing or tree trimming on Christmas Eve, be sure to serve this punch made of decaffeinated coffee, so that everybody can relax taut nerves over social extra cups without worrying over sleeping problems later on. Remember that decaffeinated coffee needs a little longer "perking" to bring out its full, rich coffee flavor.

Toasteroons
6 cups corn flakes
1 can (14 or 15 ounces) sweetened
condensed milk

Combine corn flakes and condensed milk, mixing lightly. Drop from teaspoon on greased baking sheet; flatten slightly, shaping edges with spoon. Bake in slow oven (325° F.) 12 to 15 minutes, or until done. Remove from baking sheet immediately, using knife or spatula. To keep cookies from sticking, hold pan over very low flame for a few seconds. Makes about 40 cookies.

Nut Toasteroons. Use above recipe, reducing corn flakes to 5 cups and adding 1/4 cup chopped nut meats.

Spicy Toasteroons. Use above recipe, mixing 1 teaspoon cinnamon or nutmeg or powdered ginger with corn flakes before adding condensed milk.

Fruit Cake Rennet-Custard
1 package lemon rennet powder
1 pint milk, not canned
3 ordinary sized pieces of fruit
cake
1/4 cup whipped cream

Crumble pieces of fruit cake in bottom of each of six dessert dishes. (Save 1/3 crumbs for garnish.) Make rennet-custards according to directions on package. Pour over fruit cake. Chill. When ready to serve, top each rennet-custard with whipped cream and garnish with crumbled cake.

E. Skavdahl: "What's the use of having a timetable if your train don't run on it?"

Porter: "Now you're all excited. How could you tell they was runnin' late if you didn't have a timetable?"

To the dismay of the entire staff of a smart restaurant a customer sat down and deftly tied his napkin about his neck.

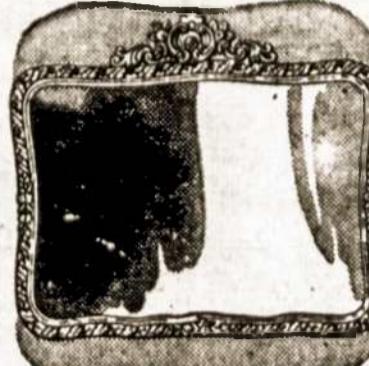
There was a whispered confer-

ence, in which the manager instructed the waiter not to hurt the customer's feelings, but to make him understand, somehow, that this wasn't done here.

The waiter approached his customer with a gentle smile. "Shave sir, or hair-cut?"

"We can't pin the tail on the donkey," said the little hostess at the Sunday birthday party. "My daddy is having a nap."

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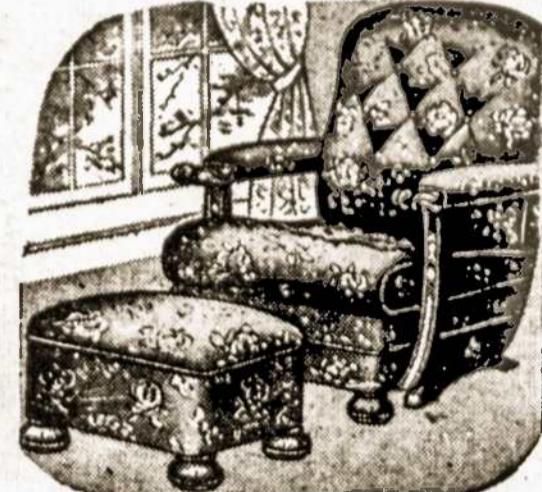
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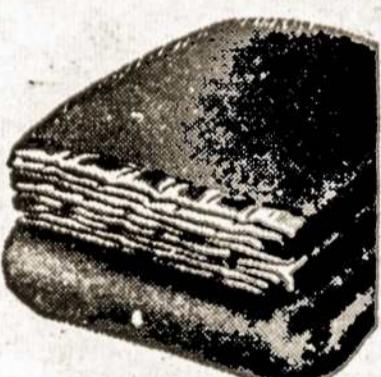
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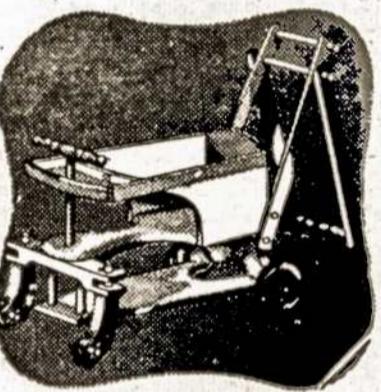
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AMERICAN HEROES
BY LEFF

The South Pacific Aerial Exploits Cross has been awarded to First Lt. William P. Campbell, U. S. M. C., of Minneapolis for his solo bombing attack against five Jap transports and ten destroyers. While ship and shore batteries concentrated all their fire against him, filling the air with flak, he dive-bombed the ship formation, blasted a transport with a direct hit. The War Bond you buy today will help load bomb racks to shatter Jap supply lines.

FALL is here, and that means that old man winter isn't far behind with his freezing, driving rains, and howling, raging blizzards. So it is the wise farmer who begins now to prepare his buildings so that they will be able to take the beating of the months just ahead, and still come up smiling and ready for work next spring. Here are a few important steps to take just as soon as the

circuit electrical wiring, rust machinery, or spoil crops stored in the barn, check the condition of the roof. If a new roof is needed, ask your lumber dealer for a fire-resistant roofing material, as chimney or wind sparks falling on a flammable roof is one of the principal causes of farm fires.

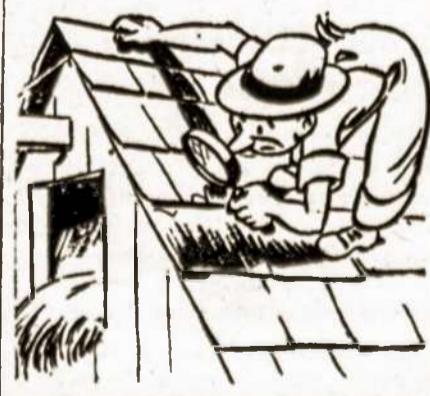
Fortunately, fire-resistant asphalt roofing materials are available, are non-critical, and are low in cost.

Sagging or ill-fitting doors and windows, admit cold, snow, and rain which attack the structure itself as well as make the heating problem more difficult. A warm barn means more milk from cows, as less of their energy goes into keeping themselves warm. And so does a warm henhouse mean more eggs, as the animal heat doesn't go out the window and eat up the profits.

Nail down loose boards on all buildings. Grease the tracks for sliding doors and oil hardware. Inspect wood siding near the ground for termites and rot. Wood in bad shape should be replaced at once. If the walls of the machine shed are full of cracks and knot holes, protect the equipment by covering the side walls with asphalt roll roofing.

And before you put the machines away for the winter, grease all unpainted parts and paint if necessary so that machines will be ready to go into high gear when next spring comes around.

Today, building materials, labor to erect new ones, and farm machinery are scarce. It is up to the farmer to make what he has do for the duration.



work in the fields is done and the crops are in.

First, check over the heating plant and the pipes, flues, and chimney. Make sure it is ready to operate efficiently. That means that the complete heating plant from fire pot to chimney top is clean. Defective or dirty, a heating plant is the principal cause of fire in farm homes. Further, a clean furnace saves money as it burns less fuel.

Next, go over the roof of the house, barn, and out-buildings. The first reason for putting up any building is to get a roof over your head, or to protect crops, livestock, or machines. But once up, the roof is out of sight and is apt to be forgotten. Before rain or melting snow creeps down through the roof to crack plaster, even wallpaper, perhaps short

